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16. A musical tone signal generation apparatus according to claim 3 further comprising:

a storage for storing musical tone control data; and
an automatic performance controller for controlling the musical tone signal generator based on the musical tone control data stored in the storage to play automatic performance.

17. A musical tone signal generation apparatus according to claim 14 further comprising:

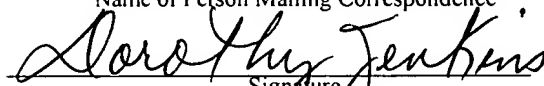
a storage for storing musical tone control data; and
an automatic performance controller for controlling the musical tone signal generator based on the musical tone control data stored in the storage to play automatic performance.--

REMARKS


This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to change the multiple dependent claims to single dependent claims in order to eliminate the improper multiple dependent claim and to reduce the government filing fee.

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